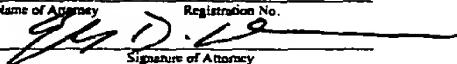


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In the Application of**

:

Roger William Gutwein et al.

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For METHODS AND SYSTEMS UTILIZING DELAYED DILUTION, MIXING AND FILTRATION FOR PROVIDING CUSTOMIZED BEVERAGES ON DEMAND**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002, for two (2) months, from July 23, 2002 to September 18, 2002. Applicants hereby authorize payment of the accompanying fee of \$400.00 from

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